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LATEST PATENT LOANED BY PARCEL post together for a few cents per week... THE FULL MEASURE OF VALUE IS OBTAINABLE from your roof after your HEATING and COOKING APPLIANCES have been overhauled by the experts at JOHN L. SHEPHERD'S...

HOT LUNCHEONS COST LESS THAN 6 CENTS

Miss Ruth H. Todd at Public Library Tells of Her Undertaking.

SIX SUBSTANTIAL MEALS FOR 35 CENTS A WEEK

Employees' Club Formed—Food Bought Wholesale—Cook Only One Paid Wage.

Hot meals at a total cost of less than 6 cents per person. This is how one young woman by the organization of a luncheon club has solved the high cost of eating. And these hot meals are served twice a day.

The young woman is Miss Ruth H. Todd, who confesses that she never had a housekeeping experience before her patrons are her fellow-workers at the Public Library. It is a purely co-operative plan, and Miss Todd frankly admits that she had a strong personal interest in starting it.

The luncheon club has now been in operation for one month. Six luncheons to each person are served, one on each working day of the week, in two shifts, one at noon and another at the night hour after 6 o'clock. The cost is 35 cents per week for each person.

These are the main members in the club—two-thirds of the working force of the library. Lunches are served in a neat, homelike dining room. This is part of the library equipment. It seats about thirty at a time. The kitchen is equipped with a gas stove, sink with running water, refrigerator and a well filled china closet. Gas for cooking is supplied by the library and one charwoman is assigned to wash the dishes.

The services of the cook are paid for, \$5 a week, out of the weekly assessment of 35 cents each, on which the club has thus far been conducted.

The club is open each working day, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. The daily work hours are seven. The members of the staff assigned to public departments work in two shifts, part from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., and part from 1:30 p. m. alternating so that one has to work more than two or at most three nights a week. The luncheon period is a half hour only.

The need for a hot meal is most pressing for those who work at night, and especially for those who have homes at the dinner hour, but practically all members of staff bring their own hot luncheon more than on an invariable cold luncheon.

The staff of the central library, including bindery employees and members of the apprentice class (unpaid), number about ninety.

The new plan is very advantageous from the point of view of both. Formerly the members of the staff either had to go out to restaurants and pay for their lunches more than they could afford, or to eat cold luncheons brought from home, or if they tried to cook for themselves on the one gas stove and got in one another's way in doing so, nearly the whole week's menu was consumed in the cooking process, leaving no time in which to eat. Now the simple, hot wholesome and sustaining luncheon is all ready to eat, can be eaten in ten or fifteen minutes, thus leaving the rest of the period for short walks, which many members of the staff now take.

Miss Todd's Story. Here is Miss Todd's own story of how she organized the club, and just what it is doing, including sample menus:

"The plan of furnishing a hot luncheon to approximately sixty people for 35 cents a day each (35 cents a week) is rapidly passing from the experimental stage to actuality. We are no longer wondering whether we can possibly afford the cost of the food by way of a little treat, perhaps once a week, but are now having it and are making it a habit.

"The desire for such a scheme of things grew out of the fact that more than half of the employees of the Public Library are compelled, because of library hours, to miss home dinners three days in the week, and the persistent sameness of a paper bag luncheon, while it might be tolerated at noon, certainly is no factor at all in substituting a mid-day meal for one's regular dinner. Only one meal is eaten at the library. That is, if one has supper here, or luncheon is eaten elsewhere. This scheme was designed to remedy matters.

"We were fortunate in securing the services of a most capable woman to do the cooking. It is no easy matter to prepare and season food for so large a company, and, of course, the success of the scheme depends upon the intelligence displayed in the kitchen.

"By far the most difficult problem which presented itself was the selection of the menu. It is necessary to have economy and efficiency—that is, to use the food selected in such combinations as to give the most nourishing and healthful meal. We serve tea, coffee or milk, bread and butter, provided by individuals who are interested in the work, in addition to the listed menu, served bread and butter.

"A committee from the library went to the commission merchants on Louisiana avenue to get prices on staple articles, such as potatoes, butter, olive oil, etc. We found by buying these articles and buying in wholesale quantities that we could cut corners considerably.

"For instance, the bread and butter, for instance, were obtained in ten-pound lots, thereby saving from 2 to 3 cents on the retail price; so with potatoes. Fortunately, things such as lettuce, celery and fresh tomatoes, we purchase as needed at the Center market.

"Friday of each week the menu for the following week is prepared, an inventory of supplies is taken and food for the week is ordered and purchased as far as possible so as to relieve the purchaser of the daily care of kitchen affairs. One menu is posted in the kitchen for the guidance of the cook; another is posted where it may be consulted by all members of the staff, so that at any time if the bill of fare is not personally pleasing any member may supplement as he sees fit.

Menus for Two Weeks. The following menus, covering two weeks, exactly what the luncheons consist of:

October 18-21—Monday: Baked macaroni with tomatoes, stewed apples, bread and butter (with every luncheon). Tuesday: Creamed potatoes, baked stuffed tomatoes. Thursday: Hash brown potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad, bread and butter. Saturday: Baked rice and tomatoes, apples sliced and stewed.

October 28-31—Monday: Baked macaroni, creamed potatoes. Tuesday: Baked beans, stewed apples. Wednesday: Macaroni and tomatoes, stewed peaches. Thursday: Tomato bisque, bread and butter. Friday: Corn pudding, stewed peaches. Saturday: Beef loaf and tomato sauce, baked apples.

Buy Meals Direct. In no one article of food have we

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Schools to Be Closed Four Days for Thanksgiving.

ROB ABRAMSON'S STORE Satchel and Shoes Worth \$11.50 Taken—Miss Mary Byrne to Be Married.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 6.—Thanksgiving holidays in the public schools will be four in number this year.

The school board re-elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: J. M. Bradshaw, chairman; T. Clifton Howard, vice chairman; Harry D. Kirk, clerk.

The annual report of Supt. W. H. Sweeney was read and other routine business disposed of. It also was decided by the board to increase the salary of the janitor, janitor of Washington School, to \$50 a month.

The store of B. Abramson, King and St. Asaph streets, was entered last night. A leather hand satchel valued at \$3 and a pair of shoes valued at \$2.50 were stolen. Mr. Abramson discovered the robbery this morning.

Entrance was effected early in the night after the proprietor had left the store, by means of a rear door, which had been left unlocked, and the thief made his exit through the front transom.

Mr. Abramson is of the opinion that the robbery occurred about 11 o'clock, inasmuch as at that time the store was before and failed to lock the back door. He returned to the store before midnight and located the thief but did not discover the robbery until this morning.

The Alexandria Light Infantry will hold a competitive drill at Armory Hall Monday night. Following this drill there will be an officers' cut and also a drill for the squad medal.

Following the drills there will be an informal dinner at the officers' mess. Music will be furnished by an orchestra.

Miss Glick's Funeral Tonight. Funeral services for Miss Louise F. Glick, who died yesterday at Providence Hospital, Washington, will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the home of her sister, Mrs. Caroline M. Diedel, 610 King street.

Mrs. Logan today is speaking at four meetings in behalf of the mercy ship. She addressed the first meeting for the season of the Northford guild, appealed to the Philo Classics, solicited the support of the W. C. T. U. at a social tea under the auspices of that organization on Columbia road, and sought the assistance of the Children of the American Revolution in meeting in the home of Mrs. S. K. Cunningham, on Euclid street. The president of this chapter is Mrs. Emily Emig.

Tonight Mrs. Logan is to consult with the executive committee of the John Lynch chapter of the D. A. B. on a proposition to be made at their meeting Tuesday, that the chapter disburse with their yearbook and contribute the money to the mercy ship.

Reports have been received from a number of the federated clubs that they are organizing committees to collect clothing and money for the mercy ship.

Changes Meeting Places. Mrs. Logan announces that the meeting to work out plans for merging women's societies with organizations will be held probably in the Woodward & Lothrop auditorium a week from tomorrow, instead of at the Public Library, as the Woodward & Lothrop building is more conveniently located for business men.

AMERICAN GUNNERS' SKILL IS SHOWN ON THE SCREEN

Local National Guard and Civilians Watch Exciting Field Manuevers by Films.

Some of the keen marksmanship of the American gunners who would have to the United States field artillery in Oklahoma, time of war, and even one of the gunners who has a record of not having made a miss in the last three years, were shown on the screen at the Center Market armory of the National Guard of the District of Columbia last night.

Members of the local National Guard and hundreds of civilians were attracted to the show, which was something out of the ordinary in war pictures, having been taken at the Fort Sill school of fire for Field Artillery in Oklahoma, where the American officers and enlisted men are taught to become expert in sweeping the enemy from the fields.

As the reels unrolled and the horses pulling heavy field artillery pieces dashed across the screen, whizzed, lumbered, planted the pieces and started firing, ending up with complete wrecking of the targets, the motions were explained by Capt. Marlborough Churchill, United States Army, inspector-in-charge of the District of Columbia Militia, who accompanied the films, primarily for the instruction of the local militia.

Last night when the guests were all seated in the battery, under the command of Capt. Louis S. Vogt, marched on the drill floor, and took stations on each side of the battery. They remained standing until after the show was over.

1912 WAS BANNER YEAR. Wages Higher and Hours Shorter Then in Steel Industry.

Higher wages and shorter hours for those who work in the iron and steel mills prevailed in 1912 than in any previous year in the history of the industry, according to a bulletin just made public by the bureau of labor statistics. There was a reduction of hours of labor between 1907 and 1912 in the blast furnace shops, and with the exception of the plate mills each of the other departments of the industry shows a reduction of hours between 1910 and 1912.

In the establishments from which figures were obtained, the bulletin says, there was a marked reduction in the proportion of employees customarily working seven days a week. This was made possible, it is declared, by the custom adopted in many plants of making provision to lay off one day a week each employee in the seven-day occupations—thus making a six-day week for those employees.

Cuba is to seek additional American markets for sugar, tobacco leaf and cigars, bee products and hides.

Abe Martin Says:



A feller has t' be married a few years t' appreciate th' difference between a practical maneuver an' a retreat.

You'd think some folks intend- ed t' live forever by th' way they kick on th' coast.

Brazil has begun work on an extensive system of reservoirs to enable the residents of its northeastern states to get water in long dry seasons, which frequently occur.

THE TORTURES OF RHEUMATISM

are always aggravated during damp, changeable weather and ordinary treatments are often useless.

Such conditions need the oil-fool in Scott's Emulsion to reduce the injurious acids and strengthen the organs to expel them.

Scott's Emulsion, with careful diet for one month, often relieves the lame muscles and stiffened joints and subdues the sharp, unbearable pains when other remedies have failed.

Too Much Money

Speculative builders have been making too much money. Wise men they were, but the game is changing. Competition is stiffer, new blood is coming into the field, big capital with larger cash buying powers. Is this true?

Why, the largest builders' supply house in this section told us last week that 85% of his business was done with contractors or companies who pay him when they get their pay. The other 15% get materials at the right prices and with cash discounts.

\$8,000.00 is quite enough to pay for what heretofore has cost you \$7,000.00 or more, and that leaves a fair profit for one builder.

But would it leave a profit for us, if we used subcontractors? Cutting out all these Middlemen either gives us more profit or you more house for your money. We've saved \$200.00 to \$500.00 on the cost of each house. Who gets it? You or we? See our latest work for the answer.

Our Own Store at 739 15th St. N.W. Woodward Building.

Sample Houses 18th St. bet. Kibbourne and Kenyon, \$6,000.00. Randolph St. N.W. bet 4th and 5th, \$4,375.00. 232 Ky. Ave. S.E., one block south Lincoln Park, \$3,500.

A. C. MOSES CO. 306 New York Ave. M. 0621.

Y. M. C. A. TALKS

What is the Association? It is a high-grade, low-cost Young Men's Club—Christian, but nonsectarian.

It is an athletic organization that does not use men to promote athletics, but uses athletics to develop men.

It is a home for young men away from home. It helps young men not only to help themselves, but to help the other fellow.

It is a place for a young man to get his friends and to make himself a friend to the man that needs friends.

It is controlled by representatives of churches. This keeps it a Christian organization, but prevents it from becoming another church.

It is a fellowship, clubroom, gymnasium, bath, classes and all other practical advantages are open to all young men, of all faiths, or of no faith.

It is not an experiment, but is the survival of many experiments. Young Men's Christian Associations are now in successful operation in over eight thousand places in North America and throughout the world.

Join the Washington Association today and begin to enjoy some of these benefits.

We've Reason to be proud of our \$15 grade of Suits and Overcoats

There's nothing new about the price. You can buy \$15 Suits and Overcoats anywhere. But there is something decidedly new about the quality—and the variety. New, because it has only been with our increased workroom facilities that it has been possible to produce them.

Buy them, we could not. There isn't a clothing manufacturer in the country who can afford to make them as we make them—at a cost that will pay his profit; and ours. That's why their peers must sell at \$20—or more.

But they are our new \$15 standard. It will be maintained sincerely—because it is being appreciated splendidly. The Young Man finds the extreme fashion he wants—at \$15.

The conservative man, who wants modified effects, finds them with distinctiveness and character—at \$15. There are not a few styles—for the sake of having "something to show" at \$15. But twelve or fifteen different lines of Overcoats—and as many more of Suits—in all sizes. Saks service is a practical thing—as you see. Really accomplishes something.

Heavy-weight Balmacaan Coats—in Brown, Gray and Heather-mixture—with slash pockets; self-collar and cut big and full. \$15

New Club Checks, Tweed Mixtures and Tartan Plaids, in English-cut Suits—with soft roll; patch pockets; snug-fitting trousers.

Last of the three days' Specials for Boys

We knew they'd be busy days—such values as these are could not fail of attracting the attention of every parent who appreciates the saving in price without the curtailment of quality. And every one of these lots is a representative value.

Boys' Brown and Gray Chevot Norfolk Suits; Balkan style, with TWO PAIRS of knickerbocker trousers, cut in correct proportions, and strongly made. Worth \$4.50

Boys' Blue, Gray and Sage Chinchilla and Fancy Balmacaan Overcoats, with Cap to match; wool lined; buttoning to the neck; sizes 3 to 10 years. Worth \$5.00

Boys' Blue and Gray Chevot and Corduroy Balkan Blouse Suits; Brown and Gray mixtures; and plain Brown and Mouse Corduroys. Each with TWO PAIRS of full-lined Knickerbockers. Reinforced at every point of strain. Sizes 7 to 17 years. Worth \$7.50

Boys' "Right Posture" Suits, in stylish patterns; Balkan Norfolk, and TWO PAIRS of Knickerbocker pants. The Suit that keeps the boy erect. Worth \$9.00

Boys' "Sure-fit" Union Suits, sizes 2 to 10 years; the most practical Union Suit made for the youngsters; with straps and buttons for the trousers. 50c

Boys' Novelty Overcoats, in Blue and Oxford mixtures; lined with wool and button to the neck. Sizes 3 to 8 years. Worth \$3.50

Boys' Blue, Gray and Sage Chinchilla and Fancy Balmacaan Overcoats, with Cap to match; wool lined; buttoning to the neck; sizes 3 to 10 years. Worth \$5.00

Boys' Blue and Gray Chinchilla Balmacaan Overcoats, gray-tinted collar; buttoning to neck. Sizes 3 to 10 years. Worth \$9.00

Boys' Long Pants Suits—Tartan Plaids and Stripes; English cut—and with all the points of style that implies—cuffs on sleeves; patch pockets; snug-fitting trousers. All sizes up to 20 years. Worth \$11.75

Boys' Blouse Waists, plain White with collar attached; perfect-fitting; full blouse effect, and in sizes from 4 to 14 years. SPECIAL. 19c

Our \$1.50 Hat "is a peach"

Excuse the slang—but it is so expressive—nothing else seems to describe the wonderful quality and the accurate shapes. This \$1.50 idea is a development. We've been working on it for a long time—striving hard to accomplish what many makers and all precedents have declared to be an impossibility. But here they are—Hats that rival any \$2 Hat—that duplicate all the new blocks and colors. Hats that would suit you at \$2—and will surprise you at \$1.50.

A Most Remarkable Sale of Men's Cravats

It's only for two days—because there are only 200 dozen of them—and they are Scarfs you'll want the moment you clap your eyes on them.

Ten of the leading makers are contributors to this record-breaking event. They are Scarfs that belie the price. You'll realize they are bargains whether you know anything of silk value or not. You'll feel they are fashionable from the very radiance of the effects and the extent of the assortment.

Big open end four-in-hands, with the sliding neckband which adds to the life of the scarf.

Printed Warps Silk Twills Ombre Silks Basket Weaves Scotch Plaids Panama Repps Peau de Soies Persian Silks Fancy Silks Pastel Silks

Moire Silks Silk Satins Staple Silks Brocades Pin Dots Morgador Stripes Regimental Stripes Black and White Stripes Polka Dots Checks

All-wool Coat Sweaters; roll collar—in Navy Blue, Gray, Brown and Cardinal—and all sizes—at the special price. \$1.29

Boys' Sweaters

Women's Evening Slippers—Black, White and Colored Satin; patent Leather; Dull Calif. Lavalere, Pump and Tango models. All sizes. \$1.45

Infants' and Children's High and Low Shoes—broken sizes of the regular \$1.00 to \$2.50 grades. 39c

A Shoe Sale from 8 to 11:30 Saturday Morning

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